



DEPARTMENT OF CORONER



March 6, 2006

TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: LAKSHMANAN SATHYAVAGISWARAN, M.D.
CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS (NAME)

At the February 2006 interim NAME Conference in Seattle, Washington, the Board of Directors thanked the Department of Coroner staff and the County of Los Angeles for hosting the October 2005 NAME Conference in Los Angeles at the Biltmore Hotel. They were appreciative of all courtesies extended to the NAME Membership.

I am attaching herewith, the report made by the meeting coordinator wherein it indicates that this was the most attended largest meeting in NAME history.

I would like to express again, my appreciation to each of you, CAO Janssen, EOC Staff (Ms. Perrett), Department of Auditor Controller, Parks and Recreation, and LA City Councilwoman Jan Perry and Staff (Ms. English).

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Enclosure

c: CAO
Executive Office, Clerk of the Board

Meeting

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2006

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Chair

Mary Fran Ernst

Committee Report



Members

Report

2005 NAME ANNUAL MEETING □ OCTOBER 14-19 □ LOS ANGELES, CA

Dr. Lashmanan Sathyavagiswaran was the Scientific Program Chair. The meeting theme was "The Medical Examiner and the News Media". Two Proffered Paper abstract forms were sent to members. The abstract form was also available on the NAME website (www.TheNAME.org). The deadline for submitting abstracts was April 1, 2005. Members were notified by June 15 that their abstracts were accepted. The meeting program was sent to members on June 17th.

Eighty-five platform presentations were given. Due to the large number of presentations, there was no time for Questions or Comments at the end of sessions. For the first time, Affiliate Member papers were included in the General Session program. Twenty posters were presented. Because of the full platform program no specific time was designated for authors to be present to explain their posters. The posters were displayed from Saturday through Monday noon instead of a two-hour period like in past years. However due to late notice to poster presenters, some posters were not be displayed the entire period. The Best Resident's Paper and Poster competitions were held. There were 28.5 credits awarded from the AMA in Category 1 for meeting attendees. A meeting of the Affiliate membership was held on Tuesday evening sponsored by the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators.

The historic, beautiful Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles was the meeting site. Convention room rates for single or double accommodations were \$149. Concierge accommodations were \$169. We did exceed our room block by 12% ensuring that we were not charged any meeting room rental fees. The hotel hosted a lavish Welcome Reception for us on Friday evening.

The Los Angeles County Medical Examiner/Coroner office celebrated its 50th Anniversary at our meeting. A special "Oscar Night" themed Welcome Dinner was held in the Biltmore Bowl where the Oscar ceremony began in 1927. Thermo Electron Corporation and Aegis Laboratories co-sponsored this dinner. The Annual Luncheon spotlighted Dr. Thomas Noguchi who was awarded the Helpern Laureate Medal and gave a presentation recalling the LA County Medical Examiner's Office history.

The meeting registration fees were increased for this meeting due to the much higher food and beverages costs that occurred because the meeting was held in Los Angeles. Prior to the meeting, 370 people had registered. The final registration was 403 making this the largest NAME meeting in our history.

The Exhibitor fees were increased this year. All 43-exhibit booths were taken resulting in net revenues of \$38,000. The new meeting Sponsorship Program produced \$24,000 in new revenue for NAME. Meeting revenues over expenses (including salary of meeting planner) was \$55,339.

Dr. Sathyavagiswaran received outstanding support for this meeting from his staff. Many of them hosted the optional events during our meeting. The Los Angeles County Department of the Coroner/Medical Examiner sponsored the refreshments following our Field Trip to the EOC and Coroner's offices.